

Torrance, California
September 12, 1950

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 1950, with Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN:
Spelman. Also present was City Manager Stevens.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount announced that Mr. Spelman was on vacation and would not be present.

Councilman Powell moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 1950, be approved and accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 29, 1950, be approved and accepted. Motion, seconded by Mayor Haggard, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Haggard then announced the time had come for the third and final hearing on Planning Commission Case No. 196 -- the rezoning of a portion of South Torrance as a part of the Master Plan.

Mr. Lloyd, Planning Consultant, with the aid of a map, showed the proposed changes in zone, following which Mayor Haggard called for oral protests. There being no protests, oral or written, Councilman Powell moved the hearing be closed and that the Council concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw the necessary ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from American Legion Post No. 170 expressing appreciation for the assistance of the Council and City Clerk in promoting the National Guard farewell party. Matter of record.

Request from City Treasurer Fordice for reimbursement of \$25.00 for August expenses.... car, telephone, etc. Mayor Haggard asked if the car expense was from her home to the City Hall, or other business. Reply was affirmative - home to office. Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, resulted in a tie-vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Haggard. Councilman Powell then moved the matter be referred to the Finance Committee until such time as a full Council was in session. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion. Discussion followed. There being no second, motion was declared lost.

Request from North Torrance Community Church for permission to use Recreation Hall at 174th and Yukon for Sunday School and Church services. Councilman Blount explained the group was non-sectarian and moved the request be granted. Councilman Powell advised the request had the approval of the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Two letters from O'Melveny & Myers relative to the proposed bond issue and necessary proceedings, enclosing Resolution to be adopted. Matter of record.

Councilman Drale asked that the public be allowed to express an opinion as to whether the issue should appear on the November ballot. Councilman Powell moved that September 19th be an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Council, open to the public, at which time all persons interested could become acquainted with the proposed bond issue, and requested that the papers give the meeting as much publicity as possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from Two Macks Electric setting forth new labor charge schedule effective August 28th. Matter of record.

Letter from Torrance Retail Merchants requesting appointment of a Parking Authority. Councilman Drale moved the matter be tabled for further consideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from Attorney W. E. MacFaden relative to the adoption of Ordinance No. 518 and advising his clients have requested that he initiate proceedings to test its validity. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Mayor Haggard, carried.

Letter from Local 1414 enclosing two resolutions adopted by it (1) condemning the Council for its hasty action in discontinuing "check-off" to Local 360 and (2) urging the adoption of ordinances requiring registration of Communists. Matter of record. It was suggested by Councilmen Drale and Blount that the Union be advised the Council had not met since the County's adoption of such ordinances but that they were to be adopted.

Letter from Regional Director of C.I.O. advising the City employees had voted to disaffiliate from United Public Workers of America and affiliate with Government and Civic Workers Organizing Committee, C.I.O. Councilman Drale, after a brief discussion, moved that the

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check-off for these employees be resumed as they had disassociated themselves from United Public Workers. Motion was seconded by Councilman Powell. Mayor Haggard said he believed the new affiliation should be investigated before the check-off was resumed. Motion resulted in a tie-vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Haggard. Councilman Drale then moved that the President and International Representative of Government and Civic Workers Organizing Committee be present at the next agenda meeting to supply the necessary information. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from Recreation Commission requesting (1) 30-days sick leave for Mr. Moon, (2) substitute for Mr. Moon for 30 days, (3) permission for North Torrance Community Church to use McMaster Recreation Building for Sunday services, and (4) that \$110 be allowed for Chairman and Director to attend two-day conference in San Francisco. At Councilman Drale's query, Councilman Powell advised items 1 and 2 had been referred to the Civil Service Board and it was decided to withhold action until a recommendation had been received from the Board. Item 3 had been previously disposed of. As to Item 4, Councilman Blount moved that \$55 be allowed for the Director to attend the Conference as it was the City's policy to allow department heads to attend such affairs, but not to take a partner. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Spelman. Councilman Drale stated he did not care to vote.

Letter from Huntington Land & Improvement Co. addressed to City Manager Stevens repeating its request of July 7th that the City release the easements reserved in the vacation of a portion of Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway. Letter from Ocean Hills, Inc., making the same request. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried. Councilman Powell moved that all information relative to this case be made available to the Planning Commission and Consultant for study so that when the Attorney's opinion was received, it would be discussed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from the Civil Service Board stating promotional examinations will be required for Police Woman and Court Clerk. Councilman Drale moved to comply with the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Powell. Discussion followed, resulting in a tie-vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Haggard. Councilman Powell then moved that the matter be referred to the Personnel Officer, Mr. Stevens, for his recommendation, and an opinion from the City Attorney for discussion at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from the Civil Service Board requesting that, in the future, they be advised of any proposed changes in the civil service rules, regulations, etc. Councilman Drale moved the Council comply with the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Ass'n requesting a plaque in memory of Chief McMaster, to be placed in the Recreation Hall at McMaster Park. Councilman Blount moved that the matter be given consideration by the Council and recommended that the City Manager present sample plaques to the Council which he considered suitable. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church requesting free use of the Auditorium on October 10th for the Episcopal Convocation. City Clerk Bartlett advised the matter had already been discussed with the Recreation Commissioner. Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Request from Tom Silva, 2334 229th St., for a 90-day permit to live in a trailer during re-construction of his house. Councilman Drale moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Request from H. G. Dinwiddie, 12862 Hansen Ave., Westminster, to put a trailer on their property in Waleria while building a home. Councilman Powell moved the request be granted for the usual 90 days. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Request from Luis Monson for a license to sell corn at the south-east corner of the intersection of Prairie Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd., permission having been received from the property owner. Mr. Lloyd stated he thought the matter should be referred to the Planning Commission as to proper zoning. Discussion followed.

At 9:03, Mayor Haggard declared recess. Meeting reconvened at 9:12.

Discussion continued with Councilman Blount moving the matter be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Powell, and Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Petition signed by 19 residents requesting grading of Earl St. from Sepulveda south to Alice St. (230th). Discussion followed, with the audience participating pro and con. City Manager Stevens advised that the City could not grade any street until it had received easements, which, in this case, the City does not have. Councilman Drale moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney and City Manager for report at the next meeting. City Manager Stevens again stated his report would be that the City could not proceed without easements. Motion was withdrawn. Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer, the City Manager and the City Attorney, and that the petitioners make their easements offers to Mr. Stevens so that he could advise the Council at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel, having successfully passed the Civil Service Examination, be appointed to serve their probationary period as Patrolmen, effective September 11, 1950, at the compensation designated as the first step for Patrolmen: Archie L. Jackson, Ralph E. Walker, Miles H. Hamilton.
2. That the Police Chief be authorized to employ a School Crossing Guard at 174th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Councilman Powell moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of 1000 feet of 1-1/2 inch fire hose, the sum of \$1,100.00 plus tax.
2. For payment for the paving of a portion of the City Yard, the sum of \$998.89.
3. For the purchase of rock and oil for paving a portion of Newton Street from Tandem Way to Winlock Drive, the sum of \$596.49 (from County Gas Tax Funds).
4. For the purchase of materials used in the improvement of 171st St. from Yukon Ave. to Glenburn Ave., the sum of \$2,839.50.
5. For the payment to Barclay Surveying Company for surveying services, the sum of \$460.00.

Councilman Powell moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Planning Commission re:

CASE NO. 165: Petition of Palisades Builders for a Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to C-1 (Retail Commercial) use, on a parcel of land located on Sharynne Lane at the proposed Carlow Road, at the northeasterly corner of Tract No. 15569, as per Exhibit "A".

"The Commission decided that this location is not suitable for a commercial zone, due to the school located nearby, and recommends that the petition be denied."

"It will be necessary to hold the third and final public hearing of this case before your body. This hearing cannot legally be held before October 10, 1950, in order to comply with the public notice requirements."

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur and that the hearing be set for October 10th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

CASE NO. 201: Petition of John Mayer for a Variance and Conditional Permit for the processing and manufacturing of wallboard at a location on Madison Street three blocks south of Newton Street. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

"As the Commission is opposed to increasing the establishment of any new industrial or manufacturing plants in close proximity to the adjacent residential development, it is their recommendation that this petition be denied."

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur with the recommendation and that the petition be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Powell and Haggard. ABSENT: Spelman. Councilman Drale stated he did not choose to vote.

Request of Cecil Smith to subdivide a parcel of land located at 1716-20 Date Ave., just south of Carson St., which is now 82' x 150', into separate parcels 41' x 150', the total area of each parcel after subdividing to be 6,150 square feet. It is our recommendation that your Honorable Body approve the request.

Request of A. A. Martin to permit him to erect a single-family residence on a parcel of land 44' x 150' located at 1630 Greenwood Ave.

Councilman Powell moved the Council concur in the recommendation and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw the necessary resolutions. Motion, seconded by Mayor Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present with the exception of Councilman Blount, who stated he did not care to vote.

Letter from Ass't to City Engineer Patrick, re Tract No. 15757, consisting of 283 lots, advising the subdividers wished to take the tract in three parcels, the first to consist of 80 lots, and advising that the City Attorney had said such procedure was permissible. Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Ass't to City Engineer Patrick recommending approval of Tract No. 14950, which in reality is half of Tract No. 16700 previously approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2090

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIRM OF O'MELVENY & MYERS AS BOND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALLING OF A BOND ELECTION FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Powell moved the Resolution be tabled until the Adjourned Regular Meeting of September 19th for action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Number was withdrawn by Clerk Bartlett.

RESOLUTION NO. 2090

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED FROM BUDGET HOMES CO., A CO-PARTNERSHIP CONSISTING OF MILTON J. BLACK, HARRY T. HUDSON, BETTY ANN HUDSON AND SARAH M. BLACK, HOLDERS OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY (OR JOINT TENANTS OR TENANTS IN COMMON, AS THE CASE MAY BE), PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART, AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2090. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2091

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS IN THIS RESOLUTION CONTAINED.

The Council not wishing to take action on this Resolution at this time, Clerk Bartlett withdrew the number.

RESOLUTION NO. 2091

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM LYDIA O. BROWER.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2091. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 532

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF SUCH REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, AND LIMITING SOME ACTIVITIES OF REGISTRANTS.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 532 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 533

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, AND LIMITING SOME ACTIVITIES OF REGISTRANTS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 533 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 534

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, AND LIMITING SOME ACTIVITIES OF REGISTRANTS.

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Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 534 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 535

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 194.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 535 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 536

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 536. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 530

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING A COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Question was raised as to the legality of dispensing with further reading at first reading of Ordinance as Councilman Drale cast a dissenting vote. He requested that his vote in this respect be changed to "yes" but that his "no" vote as to adoption stand as cast. Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 530 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Powell and Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: Spelman.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount recommended that Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Humphreys be appointed to the Library Board, as suggested by Mrs. Jamison, and that Mr. Kenneth W. Bloomfield be appointed to fill the one-year term vacancy. Mayor Haggard moved that the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale submitted several matters to the Council for study: (1) that the City assist in the payment of uniforms, etc., for members of the Disaster Council, (2) compensation for such Disaster Council members who might be hurt on the job, and (3) continuing of payments into retirement fund for those men called into service. Matters were discussed briefly and tabled for consideration.

Councilman Powell advised he had received a letter from a group in Hollywood Riviera asking for an informal meeting with the Transportation Committee re bus service. Councilman Blount stated that he intended to call such a meeting on Councilman Spelman's return.

Mayor Haggard, with the concurrence of the Council, appointed Chief Stroh as the Inventory Representative to the National Safety Council.

Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll
call vote of those present.

At 10:10 p.m., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned to September 19, 1950, at 8:00 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE